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## **New Libertarian law zaps random roadblocks in N.H.**

### **Random drunk-driving roadblocks are "no question, unconstitutional"**

WASHINGTON, DC — Random drunk-driving roadblocks will vanish from New Hampshire as of midnight, June 11, thanks to the first Libertarian-sponsored legislation to become law at the state level in more than a decade.

House Bill 1285, introduced by Libertarian State Representative Don Gorman (L-Deerfield), requires police to get permission from a judge before setting up drunk-driving roadblocks, and requires the judge to affirm that "all constitutional guarantees are met."

"This effectively means that there won't be another sobriety roadblock in New Hampshire," said Gorman.

The bill passed the NH House by voice vote in March, and the State Senate in April. It became law on Tuesday when Gov. Steve Merrill (R) did not sign or veto the bill after five days.

Random drunk-driving roadblocks are "no question, unconstitutional," said Gorman, explaining why he filed the bill. "Roadblocks of this type infringe on the right of law-abiding citizens to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. The NH State Constitution clearly indicates that NH residents are entitled to greater protection against these types of 'no-reason' stops than is provided for in the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution," he said.

"It's about time that law enforcement learned that the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are supreme in the land," said Gorman, the lone Libertarian legislator in NH's 400-member House.

National Libertarian Party Chair Steve Dasbach applauded Gorman's achievement, calling it a victory for civil liberties in America and for Libertarian political action.

"Passage of the bill helps take the Libertarian Party to the next level, from electoral victory to successful Libertarian legislation. That's how we will change this country — town by town, state by state, issue by issue," said Dasbach.

The last Libertarian state legislation was voted into law in Alaska in the early 1980s.

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